

Do your part! Help keep Nashville clean and green!

The success of beautifying Nashville depends on each resident's commitment to keeping the city clean and green. Here are a few ways you can help:

- **Recycle!** Forty-eight percent of household waste can be recycled. As you place items in your trash cart, ask yourself if they can be recycled in Metro's curbside program. Mixed paper, newspaper, cardboard, aluminum cans, metal food cans and tin cans can be placed in your recycling cart. Visit www.nashville.gov/recycle for Metro's recycling drop-offs for glass and plastic. By recycling more and throwing away less, you'll reduce the amount of trash going into the landfills.
- **Keep the sidewalk and street in front of your home clean.** Don't sweep trash, leaves, or lawn clippings into the street or storm drains.
- **Backyard Composting.** Turn organic materials into fertilizer for your plants.
- **Alert authorities to problem areas.** If litter is repeatedly dumped in certain areas, notify the police and the Metro Health Department and provide them with information about the problem.
- **Reduce litter from your vehicles.** Keep a trash bag inside your car. Secure loose debris in truck beds to keep it from blowing out.
- **Set an example and just say no to litter.** When you go on a walk, take a trash bag along. If you see trash, pick it up. By doing this you'll set a great example for your neighbors, especially the children in your neighborhood.
- **Reduce litter from your vehicles.** Keep a trash bag inside your car. Secure loose debris in truck beds to keep it from blowing out.
- **Alert authorities to problem areas.** If litter is repeatedly dumped in certain areas, notify the police and the Metro Health Department and provide them with information about the problem.

Questions? Call Metro Public Works at **880-1000** or visit the Web site at www.nashville.gov/recycle.
Para recibir esta información en español, por favor llame al teléfono **880-1000**.
If you need any assistance or accommodation, please contact Kristen Detrick, ADA Coordinator, Metro Public Works, 939 Dr. Richard Adams Drive, Nashville, TN 37207; Telephone (615) 862-8962.

Metro Public Works,
Division of Waste Management
939 Dr. Richard Adams Drive
Nashville, TN 37207

Make sure to look under the cart lid to find out your trash pick-up day!

Please keep this newsletter in a handy place.

GET READY, NASHVILLE!

A new trash collection program is coming soon to clean up Nashville's neighborhoods. Within the next few weeks, Metro Public Works will deliver your new 96-gallon, brown, rolling trash cart. Your new trash cart is part of an automated program to increase the cleanliness and efficiency of trash collection in your neighborhood. Keeping Nashville clean is everyone's responsibility. With your help, we can make Nashville a cleaner place to live, work and play.

Carts will be distributed approximately one week before your first collection. All carts will be delivered by summer, and residents may request a second cart once all carts have been delivered.

Your trash pick-up day may also change with the new program. Trash collection will occur on the same day of the week as the monthly curbside recycling pick-up. Trash will still be picked up weekly, and there will be a sticker under the lid of the new cart listing the pick-up day. Eligible elderly residents and persons with disabilities will continue to receive back-door pick-up.

This newsletter contains everything you need to know about the new trash program. If you have additional questions, visit our Web site at www.nashville.gov/trash or call 880-1000.

DAVID

Routes:

Belmont, North Nashville and East Nashville

Bio:

David has been with Metro Public Works for 25 years. He has four children, one cat and one dog. He loves basketball, comedies and drawing.

Tips for using the new program:

Make sure your trash is bagged and placed inside the cart with the lid closed on your pick-up day.



NEW PROGRAM INFO

Automated Trash Pick-up Next Step in City's Waste Management Plan

The automated trash pick-up program is the next step in the waste management plan adopted by Metro Council in 2002.

The Curby curbside recycling program and the closing and demolition of the thermal plant were two important parts of the plan which have already been implemented. The new trash program will mean significant savings for taxpayers.

With the new trash program, all homes will have uniform-looking carts, and trash bags will no longer be scattered throughout neighborhoods. The new rolling trash carts will also help keep rodents from getting into trash.

Trash collectors will also benefit from the program because their employees will face fewer injuries on the job. Mechanical arms on the trucks will empty the trash carts. The automated program will make trash day faster and more efficient for everyone.

Help your trash professionals and do your part to help our city achieve the goal of making Nashville a cleaner place to live.

RULES OF USE

- Look under your cart lid for your pick-up day.
- When your trash cart is delivered, it will be placed where it should be positioned on pick-up day.
- On your pick-up day, place your cart where it was delivered with the arrow on the lid pointing toward the street or alley. Your trash will be picked up between the hours of 7 a.m. and 5 p.m.
- Do not place the cart within 3 feet of any stationary object such as a car, mailbox, utility pole, Curby cart, etc.
- Do not place the cart under wires, tree limbs, building overhangs or other items that could be damaged. Please make sure there is 15 feet of clearance.
- Items that are placed outside the trash cart will not be picked up.
- Please remove your cart from the street by 7 p.m. on pick-up day.

You've got questions? Nashville's trash professionals have the answers.

When will I get my new cart?

Your new cart will be delivered within a few weeks of receiving this newsletter. The transition for all residents should be complete by summer. Carts will be delivered about one week before the first trash collection.

How should I use my new trash cart?

Place your bagged trash inside your cart and on your pick-up day, place the cart at the curb or in the alley, 3 feet from any stationary object. Make sure to place the cart so the arrow on the lid opening faces the street or alley.

Will my trash pick-up day change?

Trash pick-up days will change for some residents. Your weekly trash pick-up day will be the same day as your monthly curbside recycling pick-up day.

How will I know when my pick-up day is?

When Metro delivers your new trash cart, look for the sticker under the cart lid to find out your pick-up day and a number to call if you have questions or need help.

Can Metro remind me of my trash, recycling and holiday pick-up days?

Yes. You may sign up for a free e-mail or phone reminder to be notified of your trash, recycling or holiday pick-up days. Visit www.nashville.gov/trash or call **880-1000** to sign up.

Will I have to pay for my new cart?

No. One 96-gallon cart will be delivered to each household in the Urban Services District free of charge.

What if I need more than one cart?

After all trash carts have been delivered, you can request a second cart or a smaller cart at no charge by calling **880-1000** or at www.nashville.gov/trash. A third cart will cost approximately \$40.

What should I do with my old trash cans?

On the first day of collection with the new cart, residents can place their old empty trash cans at the curb to be disposed of with their trash. You can

also bring your old trash cans to Metro's East recycling/convenience center to be recycled. For directions visit www.nashville.gov/recycle.

Will my back-door waiver be affected by this transition?

No. Residents who are elderly or have disabilities and subscribe to a back-door waiver will continue to receive this service. To apply for a back-door waiver, call **880-1000**.

What happens if I place items outside my trash cart?

All trash must be placed in carts for collection. If you place trash outside of the cart, you will receive a warning. An additional cart will be delivered to you if the problem occurs twice. After that, trash will not be picked up if it is outside the cart.

Why is this transition necessary?

Using the new trash carts will eliminate trash on Nashville's streets, and reduce disease and rodents. Most important, the new program will mean significant savings for taxpayers while reducing injuries for Metro's waste management and contractor employees.

HELPFUL HINTS

Wondering what to do with your old trash cans?

Your old trash cans may be placed on the curb or alley on the first pick-up day for disposal. Or, they may also be taken to Metro's East recycling/convenience center to be recycled.

Here are a few alternative suggestions:

- Make it into a compost bin (visit www.nashville.gov/recycle for instructions).
- Collect glass and plastic recyclables in it before you take them to your local drop-off site or convenience center.
- Organize your garage by using it as a storage container.

Need a reminder about your trash, recycling or holiday pick-up day?

Metro Public Works offers phone and e-mail reminders for trash, recycling and holiday pick-up at no charge to Nashville residents. Simply sign up by visiting www.nashville.gov/trash or by calling **880-1000** to enroll in this free service. You will receive a reminder a few days prior to your pick-up day.

CRAIG

Routes:
Belmont, North Nashville
and East Nashville

Bio:
Craig has been with Metro
Public Works for 35 years.
His favorite television
show is Navy CSI.

**Tips for using the
new program:**
Look under your cart
lid for your pick-up day.



KEITH

Routes:
Belmont and East
Nashville

Bio:
Keith has been with Metro
Public Works for 30 years.
He loves to watch ESPN.

**Tips for using the
new program:**
Call **880-1000** or visit
www.nashville.gov/trash
for a free reminder
of your pick-up day.



THANKS
FOR HELPING KEEP
NASHVILLE CLEAN!

880-1000 • www.nashville.gov/trash



ROBERT

Routes:
Belmont, South Nashville and
East Nashville

Bio:
Robert has been with Metro
Public Works for three years.

**Tips for using the
new program:**
Please place your cart 3 feet
from all other objects on your
pick-up day.

